

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1           1. An apparatus configured to announce a transmission from a first  
2 caller by vibrating in a first predetermined manner.
- 1           2. The apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said first predetermined manner  
2 is a first predetermined sequence of vibrations.
- 1           3. The apparatus as in claim 2 wherein said first predetermined  
2 sequence of vibrations comprises vibrations of differing periods of time.
- 1           4. The apparatus as in claim 3 wherein said vibrations of differing  
2 periods of time are separated by differing periods of time during which said  
3 apparatus does not vibrate.
- 1           5. The apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said first predetermined manner  
2 is a first frequency.
- 1           6. The apparatus as in claim 5 wherein said first predetermined manner  
2 is said first frequency in combination with a first predetermined sequence of  
3 vibrations.
- 1           7. The apparatus as in claim 1 further configured to vibrate in a second  
2 predetermined manner upon receipt of a transmission from a second user.

1           8. The system as in claim 1 wherein said transmission is an email  
2 message.

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1           9. The system as in claim 1 wherein said transmission is an instant  
2 message.

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1           10. The system as in claim 1 wherein said transmission is a standard  
2 telephone call.

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1           11. A method comprising:  
2 receiving a transmission from a first caller; and  
3 identifying said first caller; and  
4 vibrating a device in a first predetermined manner based on said first  
5 caller's identity.

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1           12. The method as in claim 11 wherein said first predetermined manner is  
2 a first predetermined sequence of vibrations.

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1           13. The method as in claim 12 wherein said first predetermined sequence  
2 of vibrations comprises vibrations of differing periods of time.

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1           14. The method as in claim 13 wherein said vibrations of differing periods  
2 of time are separated by differing periods of time during which said apparatus  
3 does not vibrate.

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1           15. The method as in claim 10 wherein said first predetermined manner is  
2 a first frequency.

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1 16. The method as in claim 15 wherein said first predetermined manner is  
2 said first frequency in combination with a first predetermined sequence of  
3 vibrations.

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1 17. The method as in claim 10 further comprising:  
2 receiving a transmission from a second caller; and  
3 identifying said second caller; and  
4 vibrating a device in a second predetermined manner based on said  
5 second caller's identity.

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1 18. The method as in claim 10 wherein said transmission is an email  
2 message.

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1 19. The method as in claim 10 wherein said transmission is an instant  
2 message.

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1 20. The method as in claim 10 wherein said transmission is a standard  
2 telephone call.

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1 21. An article of manufacture including program code which, when  
2 executed by a machine, cause said machine to perform the operations of:  
3 receiving a transmission from a first caller; and  
4 identifying said first caller; and  
5 vibrating said machine in a first predetermined manner based on said first  
6 caller's identity.

1           22. The article of manufacture as in claim 21 wherein said first  
2 predetermined manner is a first predetermined sequence of vibrations.

1           23. The article of manufacture as in claim 22 wherein said first  
2 predetermined sequence of vibrations comprises vibrations of differing periods  
3 of time.

1           24. The article of manufacture as in claim 23 wherein said vibrations of  
2 differing periods of time are separated by differing periods of time during which  
3 said apparatus does not vibrate.

1           25. The article of manufacture as in claim 20 wherein said first  
2 predetermined manner is a first frequency.

1           26. The article of manufacture as in claim 25 wherein said first  
2 predetermined manner is said first frequency in combination with a first  
3 predetermined sequence of vibrations.

1           27. The article of manufacture as in claim 20 comprising additional  
2 program code to cause said machine to perform the operations of:  
3           receiving a transmission from a second caller; and  
4           identifying said second caller; and  
5           vibrating said machine in a second predetermined manner based on said  
6 second caller's identity.

1           28. The article of manufacture as in claim 20 wherein said transmission is  
2 an email message.

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30. The article of manufacture as in claim 20 wherein said transmission is a standard telephone call.

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